Area Highlights

This 157-acre area includes 64 acres of woods and 93 acres of old field and grassland habitat. Facilities include a static archery range. David L. Kessler of Lincoln County willed this land to the Conservation Commission in 1971. Management of the Kessler Memorial Wildlife Area focuses on providing food and cover for wildlife. Tree, shrub and native grass plantings increase habitat diversity.

Recreational Opportunities

Bird Watching – Fishing – Hiking Static Archery Range – Hunting – Picnicking Outdoor Photography – Wildlife Viewing

Conservation Areas are closed from 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. except for authorized fishing and hunting activities.

- No littering.
- No fireworks.
- No camping permitted.
- No open fires except in designated areas.
- Dogs must be leashed when not being used for training or hunting.
- Nuts, berries, fruits, mushrooms and wild greens may be taken for personal use. Taking of wild greens from natural areas is not allowed. Cutting or removing other vegetation is prohibited.
- Motor vehicles are restricted to roadways and parking areas.
- Bicycling is not allowed.
- No target shooting is allowed except with archery equipment and on the archery range.
- Swimming and scuba diving are not allowed.

Fishing and Boating

Fishing is permitted under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Bullfrogs and green frogs may not be taken with firearms.
- Seining or trapping live bait, including tadpoles, is prohibited.

Hunting and Trapping

Hunting is allowed under statewide regulations with the following exceptions:

- Deer hunting is permitted under statewide seasons and limits except: only archery methods may be used. Deer hunting with firearms is prohibited.
- Only portable tree stands are allowed and only from September 1 through January 31. Unattended stands must be plainly labeled on a durable material with the full name and address or conservation number of the owner and be removed from the area before February 1. Use of nails, screw-in steps, and any material or method that would damage the tree is prohibited.
- Furbearers trapping is permitted by special-use permit.

The Kessler Memorial Wildlife Area is in Lincoln County, five miles north of Troy on Highway 61 and three miles east on Highway KK.

For local information, contact:

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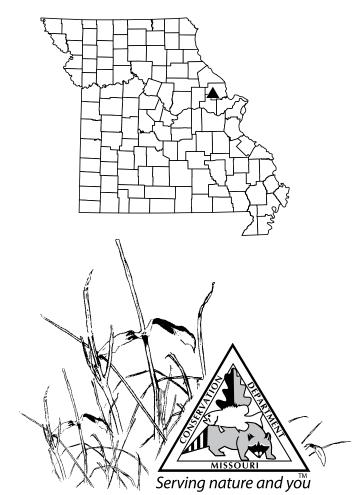
Additional area information is posted on bulletin boards located in parking areas and area offices.

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(Regulations are from the Wildlife Code of Missouri and selected statutes of the State of Missouri. Special area regulations are in Chapter 11 of the Wildlife Code. A free printed copy of the Wildlife Code. With lists most area regulations, is available from the Conservation Department. Chapter 11 in its entirety is available at www.sos.mo.govladrules/csr/current/3csr/3csr.asp.) Equal opportunity to participate in and benefit from programs of the Missouri Department of Conservation is available to all individuals without regard to their race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability, Questions should be directed to the Department of Conservation, P.O. Box 180, Jefferson City, MO 65102, (573) 751-4115 (wice) or 800-735-2966 (TTY), or to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Division of Federal Assistance, 4401 N. Fairfax Drive, Mail Stop: MBSP 4020, Affington, N. 42203.

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